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Dan H. Fenn Jr. Named

JFK Library Director

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Dan H. Fenn Jr. of Lexington, Massachusetts, a member of the Harvard University faculty, has been appointed as the first Director of the John F. Kennedy Library.

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General Services Administrator Robert L. Kunzig appointed Fenn to head the Library which is part of the Presidential Libraries System operated by GSA's National Archives and Records Service.

Fenn, 48, is a lecturer on business administration at the Harvard Business School, a senior associate of the Harvard-Massachusetts Institute of Technology Joint Center on Urban Studies, and a consultant on business and government relations. He held Federal positions in Washington during the administrations of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

The Kennedy Library is in temporary quarters at the Federal Records Center in Waltham, Massachusetts. Its permanent building, which will include archives and museum sections, will be constructed in Cambridge near Harvard Square.

Fenn joined President Kennedy's staff in 1961 with responsibilities for seeking talent for Presidential appointments. In 1963 he was named to the Tariff Commission and served on that body until 1967 when he went into the private consulting business.

A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College in 1946 where he majored in government and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and president of the Harvard Crimson, Fenn was on the Harvard Business School faculty and an assistant editor of the Harvard Business Review in the later 1950s.

He is co-author of Business Decision Making and Government Policy, has written numerous articles on government and business, and is editor of a seven-volume management series.

Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Dan Huntington Fenn of Cambridge, Fenn was born in Boston on March 27, 1923. He and his wife, Lenore, have seven children.

For the past two years the Kennedy Library has been operated by a staff of 20 people headed by John F. Stewart as acting director. Stewart, a native of Bedford, Massachusetts who was educated at Boston University, becomes assistant director for archives with responsibilities for manuscripts, published materials, oral history, and audiovisual holdings.

David F. Powers, one of President Kennedy's closest friends and associates, will continue the work of recording and administering some 10,000 museum items as administrative officer and acting museum curator. He will play a major role in planning the exhibits which will become the central part of the museum. Born and raised in Charlestown, Massachusetts, Powers has been associated with the Kennedy Library since he left the White House in 1964.

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